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Comelec Iloilo fully prepared for 2025 midterm elections

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Commission on Elections (COMELEC) - Iloilo is fully prepared for the upcoming National and Local Elections (NLE) on May 12, 2025.

COMELEC has joined forces with the Department of Education (DepEd), Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and technical working groups have joined forces for the upcoming elections in the city and province of Iloilo.

In a press conference, Atty. Reinier Layson, Provincial Election Supervisor of COMELEC - Iloilo Provincial Office, said that they are already on track and ready for the NLE, adding that they are just waiting for the delivery or arrival of Automated Counting Machines (ACM) as well as official ballots and other election paraphernalia. Personnel will also be deployed in their designated areas in the municipalities and cities across the province.

Layson also cited that ACMs will also undergo final testing on May 7, 2025 in the province, to ensure that

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The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) - Iloilo is fully prepared for the upcoming National and Local Elections (NLE) on May 12, 2025. Atty. Reinier Layson, Provincial Election Supervisor of COMELEC - Iloilo Provincial Office, made this assurance during a press conference with other agencies.

Defensor supports eco-tourism initiative for Pan de Azucar island

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

ILOILO Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. backs the eco-tourism initiative for the Pan de Azucar Island in Concepcion, Iloilo.

Recently, he met with representatives of Save Pan de Azucar to discuss the group's vision of transforming the island into

an eco-tourism model.

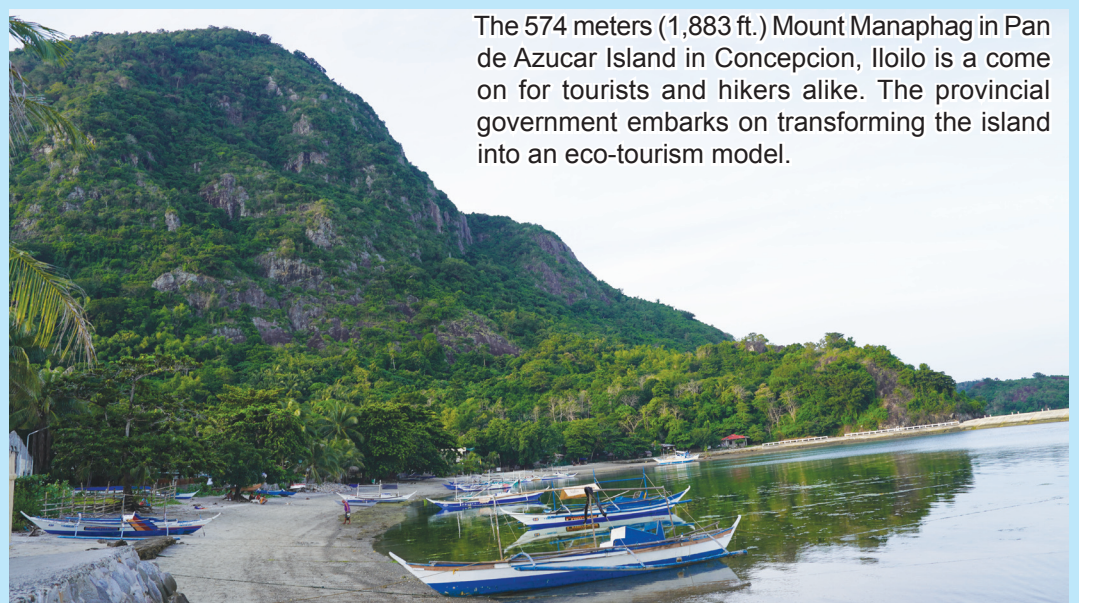
The initiative complements the governor's Turista sa Barangay and Home Stay programs, which aim to empower local communities while protecting the province's rich natural resources.

In related development, Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas convened a

coordination meeting with the Provincial Tourism Office and barangay officials from Macatunao, Tambaliza, and Talotoan—the three barangays on the island.

The meeting marked the beginning of efforts to assess the island's tourism assets and identify priority needs and opportunities

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The 574 meters (1,883 ft.) Mount Manaphag in Pan de Azucar Island in Concepcion, Iloilo is a come on for tourists and hikers alike. The provincial government embarks on transforming the island into an eco-tourism model.



Atty. Gaudioso P. Geduspan II,
Regional Director of LTO Region VI.

LTO Region 6 soon to open four new District Offices

FOR motorists in Western Visayas, improved, smoother, faster services and safer roads aren't just a dream—they're quickly becoming reality.

The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Region VI is shifting into high gear as it gears up to open four new district offices across the region, a move that promises not only improved access to government services but also stronger road safety measures.

Thanks to the newly signed laws by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., new LTO district offices will soon open in Pototan and San Dionisio in Iloilo, as well as in Ilog, Negros Occidental. Meanwhile, the current LTO Extension Office in San Miguel, Iloilo, is set to be converted into a full-

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fledged district office—expanding its reach and improving the quality of service for thousands of residents.

“This is more than just opening new district offices. It’s about making government services accessible and ensuring our roads are safer for everyone,” shared Atty. Gaudioso P. Geduspan II, Regional Director of LTO Region VI.

“By establishing district offices in key locations, we reduce travel time for those needing our services and strengthen our commitment to road discipline and public safety,” he added.

Assistant Director Jeck D. Conlu echoed this sentiment, underscoring how the expansion will also serve as a platform for intensified education and enforcement campaigns. “Improving road safety isn’t just about enforcement—it’s also about being present in communities, listening, educating, and making it easier for people to comply with the law,” he said.

“By expanding our footprint, we’re also strengthening our education and enforcement efforts. This isn’t just about building offices—it’s about saving lives,” ARD Conlu added. Once operational, the new offices will provide comprehensive services such as driver’s license application and renewal, vehicle registration, and road safety education—all without the need for long trips to provincial centers.

Motorists can also expect shorter queues, faster transactions, and easier access to vehicle registration, licensing, and other services previously concentrated in provincial centers. But beyond the convenience, the agency is also set on enforcing tighter road safety measures, including intensified driver education campaigns and stricter enforcement of traffic regulations.

For local residents and everyday motorists, the LTO’s expansion promises tangible changes: less time waiting in line, more accessible services, and safer roads for everyone.

The move aligns with the broader directive of LTO Chief, Assistant Secretary Vigor Mendoza II, and Department of Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon, to bring public service to the grassroots and create a more citizen-centered approach to governance.

From faster licensing processes to enhanced traffic law enforcement, the new district offices are expected to serve as hubs of both convenience and accountability. For residents of Iloilo and Negros Occidental, it means fewer hours on the road for paperwork—and more peace of mind knowing that road safety is being taken seriously.

As these district offices prepare to open their doors, they signal more than just bricks and mortar—they represent a growing commitment to modern, responsive, and community-driven public service. (LTO-6)



Iloilo officials oppose calls to abolish NTF-ELCAC

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Several local officials have opposed calls for the abolition of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC).

Regional Task Force (RTF-ELCAC) Spokesperson Prosecutor Flosemer Chris Gonzales stood firm that ELCAC is

the only task force that has responded to the needs of millions of Filipinos.

ELCAC was created through Executive Order No. 70 synchronizing the government’s instrumentalities of power with the capabilities of private sector stakeholders to end atrocities committed by communist terrorists

against the Filipino people.

This “whole-of-nation approach” serves as a mechanism in defeating the local communist terrorist group and obtaining sustainable and inclusive peace throughout the country.

“For the past four years, the success of NTF-ELCAC speaks for itself. So pag sinabi niyo ho na itigil ng NTF-ELCAC ang pagtulong sa mga barangay na sinalanta ng kaguluhan ay sinasabi niyo rin na tapusin ang pinaka-epektibong programa ng gobyerno para wakasan ang insurhensiya. We will not allow it,” said Gonzales.

(When you say to abolish the NTF-ELCAC and halt

in helping the barangays affected by armed conflicts, is like saying to end the most effective program of the government to end insurgency.)

This was backed by Police Regional Office Western Visayas Col. Gilbert Gorero, pointing out that the roads that eased transportation and schools that were built in the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) are just simple manifestations of the gains through the EO 70.

“Naumpisahan na naton ang ELCAC, with the program that we have, the amnesty that we have, this is an opportunity for us to unite,” Gorero emphasized.

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for sustainable development.

“First, we need to inventory our tourism assets and facilities to determine what the island needs to become a viable eco-tourism destination,” Baniyas explained.

The provincial government also plans to hold a meeting with different groups to gather ideas and make sure the development plan aligns with the aspirations of residents in the island. (via Capitol News)

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they’re are functioning properly and are accurate in terms of capacity and capability.

In addition, DepEd-6 through its spokesperson Mr. Hernani Escullar Jr., noted about 2,801 schools to be used during elections, 7,337 classrooms to be used as polling precincts, and 35,949 teachers that will serve as the electoral board.

About 2,875 non-teaching personnel will also be deployed to assist during elections, and over 2,000 other personnel will serve as part of election task force.

Layson cited that the trainings of poll workers in the provincial areas are already done including Iloilo, Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Guimaras wherein they undergo two phases of trainings.

The said trainings aim to ensure that the designated poll workers are proficient in terms of their duties during the election. He also stressed that teachers who are part of electoral board must not be a relative of any electoral candidate.

COMELEC also noted some challenges in terms of vote-buying and vote-selling which are prevalent in some areas, citing that they have established “Committee on Kontra Bigay” with the participation of different agencies which aims to prevent vote buying and other illegal electoral activities during election.

Layson also cited that the mall voting in Iloilo City is also ready, comprising of 12,000 voters across the metropolis who will vote at four areas including Festive Walk Mall, SM City Iloilo (Main), and Robinson’s Place (Main) and Robinson’s Place Jaro.

The launching program of the mall voting will take

place at University of the Philippines-Visayas (UPV) in Iloilo City on April 25, 2025.

Moreover, around 700 personnel are eyed to be utilized across the 66 voting centers in Iloilo City according to Iloilo City Police Office (ICPO) Director PCol. Kim Legada while 363 police personnel are planned to be assigned at the municipalities in the province to secure the voting centers.

The Iloilo Provincial Police Office (IPPO) also noted a total of 1,375 voting centers in which two police personnel are planned to be deployed in each center with a total of 2,750 PNP personnel according to IPPO Director Col. Bayani Razalan.

On the other hand, the eight areas of concern in the province with possible surge of armed threats and intense political rivalries will also be monitored by Quick Reaction Team personnel to ensure the safety of the areas before the day of election.

These areas were identified through the series of meetings conducted at Provincial Joint Security Command Center, and was forwarded to the National Committee. The list of the said areas is currently awaiting publication by the COMELEC Central Office through its Chairman, George Erwin Garcia.

Meanwhile, Layson stressed that the conduct of the elections is not the sole responsibility of the COMELEC and other law enforcement agencies but rather a whole government approach involving all stakeholders to ensure a peaceful, honest, and orderly election.

He also encouraged voters to go to polling centers and exercise their right to vote responsibly and refrain from selling their votes for the sake of the country and the society’s future.

WV economy expands by 4.3% in 2024 - PSA

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

THE Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported an 11.1% growth in Gross Capital Formation of Western Visayas in 2024.

According to PSA Regional Statistical Services Office 6 Officer in Charge Chief Statistical Specialist Nelida Amolar, the region's economic performance is measured annually through two main approaches: the production approach, which yields the Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP), and the expenditure approach, resulting in the Gross Regional Domestic Expenditure (GRDE).

GRDP means the total monetary value of all final goods and services produced within the region at a specific time in that period while GRDE covers the total value of final consumption

and investments of residents within that region (including their spending in other regions and abroad).

In addition to capital formation, other expenditure indicators also showed positive performance. Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE) increased by 7.5%, while Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) rose by 3.3%. Imports of goods and services from the rest of the world grew by 2.7%, and exports expanded by 1.3 percent.

Per capita household spending in the region also reported an upward trend. Per capita HFCE per capita grew by 2.6% to Php122,581 in 2023 and Php125,821 in 2024.

On the other hand, Western Visayas' economy experienced growth of 4.3% in 2024, bringing its total economic output to PHP 641.76 billion

compared to a 6.8% growth in 2023.

Most industries posted positive growth, with the exception of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing (AFF), which declined and recorded a 7.3 contraction.

The three major sectors led the regional economy in terms of growth with Services accounting for 66.5% of the region's total economic output, Industry for 19.0% and AFF for 14.5 percent.

Western Visayas contributed 2.9% of the national GDP in 2024, which makes it the eighth-largest economy among the 18 regions across the country.

Meanwhile, these figures exclude the province of Negros Occidental and Bacolod City, following the implementation of Republic Act 12000, also known as the Negros Island Region Act.

MORE Power commends NGCP's New Transmission Line in Iloilo

MORE Electric and Power Corp (MORE Power) has lauded the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) for installing the third circuit of the Barotac Viejo-Dingle 138kV Transmission Line, a major project that will significantly enhance the transmission capacity in Panay Island.

When completed and energized in June 2025, this new line will bolster the island's power grid, ensuring excellent reliability and stability, particularly for Iloilo City.

The new transmission line, which will increase the capacity from 360 Megawatts to 640 Megawatts, will mitigate the risk of overloading the backbone link between Barotac Viejo and Dingle in the event of an outage at the Panay Energy Development Corp (PEDC) power plant units in Iloilo City.

This added capacity will ensure a more stable and reliable power supply for the city, even in unforeseen circumstances.

Roel Castro, President of MORE Power, highlighted the importance of this project to the consumers, "The new transmission line will also improve overall reliability, benefiting the consumers of MORE Power and all the electric cooperatives in Panay and Guimaras islands," he said.

"This project will contribute to the overall stability and resilience of the power grid in support of our rehabilitated, uprated, and modernized distribution network." Adding this third circuit will ensure that a single outage will not affect the overall system, minimizing disruptions to the power supply for distribution utilities.

The upcoming energization of the Barotac Viejo-Dingle 138kV Line 3 is a testament to the ongoing efforts of NGCP and MORE Power to enhance the region's power infrastructure.



ALARMING. Councilor Romel Duron delivers his privilege speech during the regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod on Wednesday (April 23, 2025). Duron expressed alarm over the proliferation of fake information, especially this election season, as well as online scams and digital fraud. (PNA photo by Perla Lena)

Iloilo City commends Brooks; honors Nora Aunor, Pilita Corrales

ILOILO CITY – The Sangguniang Panlungsod on Wednesday passed three separate resolutions commending Ilongga beauty queen Alexie Brooks and

honoring the late actresses Nora Aunor and Pilita Corrales.

Brooks was commended for winning the Miss Eco International 2025 title

during the pageant held in Alexandria, Egypt on April 19.

"The success of Alexie Brooks is invariably the source of pride and inspiration for our nation and is a monument to her perseverance, diligence, and dedication – qualities that define every Ilongga woman," part of the resolution, authored by Vice Mayor Jeffrey Ganzon, read.

Brooks, who is from Leon, Iloilo, was crowned Miss Iloilo in 2024 and represented the city in the Miss Universe Philippines pageant, where she won the title of Miss Eco International Philippines.

On the other hand, two resolutions were passed honoring Aunor and Corrales for their "unparalleled contributions to Philippine

Iloilo City exec alarmed over proliferation of misleading info

ILOILO CITY – A member of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) here on Wednesday expressed alarm over the proliferation of fake information, especially this election season, as well as online scams and digital fraud.

In his privilege speech titled "Cybercrimes and False Information: An Urgent Call to combat Cybercrimes and Spread of False Information" delivered during the SP regular session on Wednesday, Councilor Romel Duron said he is hoping that the council could come up with a resolution urging Congress to pass a law addressing the proliferation of false information.

"We live in very fast-moving lifestyles. The digital platforms make things easy and highly efficient, but criminals have become sophisticated in deceiving the public," he said.

Duron said no less than Mayor Jerry Treñas has complained of fake news several times.

"What he says in the media is being spliced, and the message is different. It appears that the mayor says one thing, but the news comes out differently. There are people who make fun of this social media because they remain free to do what they are doing, spreading disinformation," he said.

Duron said his Facebook account has also been hacked several times.

He urged social media users to verify information "if it is genuine or not because there is a lot of misinformation [and] disinformation. I was alarmed because it is no less than the mayor already is complaining."

Duron also cited the need for concerned government agencies to come up with a common stand on the issue. (PNA)

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An unholy week to die

Death in the family by itself is painful, but not as difficult and complicated as when a loved one dies during the Holy Week.

Last Black Saturday, I was informed that my 29-year-old cousin Joseph Salcedo had died at St. Luke's BGC while being treated for a still unknown medical condition that remains a mystery to this day.

After my initial shock, my next question or concern was to know how much the medical bill would be because St. Luke's is considered as one of the top three most expensive hospitals in Metro Manila. My fears were well founded because the bill easily hit the million-peso mark.

The problem was getting money, help and assistance from all concerned is next to impossible on holidays and especially on Holy Week. Why is it that banks, ATMs, etc. never cause any problems during Christmas and New Year but bog down on Holy Week?

We did an electronic bank transfer to help my aunt and uncle pay part of the bill and kept waiting and waiting for the money to go through. After 24 hours we were informed that the transfer had not been completed. As a result, we had to physically bring the cash.

During all of that, I learned that negotiations were ongoing for the release of my cousin's body from St. Luke's morgue. The hospital wanted to be paid over a million pesos and initially would not release the body on a partial payment and promissory note because the person with authority was not available.

Unbeknownst to the St. Luke's staff, my aunt is the retired cashier of the Philippine Heart Center and was well versed in such situations. A physician was also advising her to watch out for items that tend to bloat or raise the charges on the billing.

True enough, the hospital had logged my cousin into a private room where rates are higher and all the procedures, laboratory, meds and professional fees

end up becoming higher all because of the "private room" category.

This is a common practice among hospitals, both private and some public, where patients are told that there are no other rooms available. Some hospitals will even place patients with capacity to pay in Jr. Suites and put their charges at 50 to 70 percent higher than normal.

The body was finally released after the family maxed out their credit cards, signed multiple documents and promissory notes just so the body could be brought to the funeral home for preparation and certificate of death issued.

I imagined that the worse was behind us when we began the wake but then I was informed that the burial date was still uncertain because registry of death, barangay and city clearances, permits to transport and permit for internment/burial were all done.

In the Land of Holidays and Holy Week, good luck on fast tracking these numerous documents. In the end, I'd like to believe that getting cremated is still easier and faster or at least buys you time to deal with the red tape of Philippine LGUs.

Having been reminded yet again of how harrowing and depressing it is to handle the death, wake and burial of loved ones, allow me to point out just a few things that might somehow spare others of such cruel circumstance and restore the souls of those who have lost their compassion if not their humanity.

To our friends in Congress and the Senate, may we invite you to investigate the fact that in the Philippines, regulations seem to apply mostly to public institutions and government offices while exempting or excluding private institutions such as private schools, hospitals and offices.

We have laws that prohibit the illegal detention of a person's remains or cadaver, but the law seems to be observed mostly in public hospitals and not private hospitals. Not all of us choose to go to private hospitals

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but land there because of an emergency.

What we need in place is a system that addresses situations where patients and families face both a medical and economic disaster further complicated with a dead body being held hostage until bills are settled. A law prohibiting hostage taking of a deceased body is not enough.

What about an installment program or insurance system to cover such unforeseen disasters under PhilHealth or DSWD that families could enroll in? The basic idea is to address both parties' concerns.

We give PhilHealth grief for poor coverage, but Congress does not investigate private hospitals regarding booking and billing patients and professional fees of doctors. Why not have a standardized and transparent and predictable system? Lack of transparency is a recurring complaint of patients.

Congress, DILG and DOH should also work together concerning the complicated, burdensome requirements and documentations beginning from getting a death certificate, barangay clearances from place of death, permits clearances to transport the remains (especially to the province which I heard requires one for every LGU you pass), permit for burial, etc.

Given the experience and intellect of our legislators, I assume they would appreciate that all these burdens can and should be left with two people or parties, namely the attending physician and the funeral home representative and not the family of the deceased.

Don't add to the pain and agony of those mourning. They already have to pay the price and live with the loss, let's spare them the paperwork. The policy should be "Documents to follow c/o funeral home." This should be the law.

Church, quo vadis?

Where to, Catholic Church?

That's the question on many people's minds following the passing of the most popular pope I have seen in my lifetime.

Pope Francis made the Roman Catholic Church accessible, a refuge for those suffering from the myriad pains of existence. He represented a God who is loving in the purest form of the word, compassionate and merciful.

I know lapsed Catholics who were drawn back to the faith after Jorge Mario Bergoglio became pope. That was no small feat in this age of pleasure-seeking, self-indulgent materialism.

President Marcos is not alone in considering Francis as "the best pope."

Seeing the global outpouring of grief and sympathy over Pope Francis' death should make the Church think carefully about veering away from the progressive path through which he had led the faith during his 12-year papacy.

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Staying on the path that Francis chose is not as simple as it seems. Even in global politics, we can see a shift in public preference for a return to conservatism. Will the Church hold on to the faithful who were won back by Pope Francis, or aim for what may seem like a bigger flock of traditionalists?

The selection of the reformist Argentine Jorge Mario Bergoglio as pope was seen as a call for change as the doctrinal rigidity of his predecessor, German theologian Benedict XVI, alienated the faithful who thought the Church was becoming an anachronism.

That rigidity turned away from the faith many women who needed spiritual solace when their marriages fell apart, or who opted to become solo parents, or who turned to contraceptives to space childbirths. I know women from my teenage years who would have benefited from spiritual comforting after undergoing clandestine abortions.

Several Filipino priests we interviewed on One News' "Storycon" pointed out that Francis in fact adhered to Church doctrine, but didn't want the

shepherds of the faith to be judgmental on how people led their lives.

So Francis allowed transgender believers to be baptized and same-sex partners to receive Church blessings although not as couples, saying that homosexuality is not a crime, and "who am I to judge" gays in the Church?

There is pushback against such ideas, as we are seeing in the United States, where an overwhelming majority voted for a president who has decreed the legal and official recognition only of the two genders at birth.

Pope Francis' positions on immigration riled Donald Trump early on. And yet Trump himself announced that he and his wife Melania would be attending Francis' funeral. US Vice President JD Vance and his family also managed to meet with the pope on Easter Sunday, the eve of his death.

Francis promoted understanding of why marriages break up and allowed divorced and remarried Catholics to receive Communion. He still opposed ordination of women, but gave them a voice in the selection of cardinals.

If the next pope decides to return to conservatism, will such reforms be rolled back, and will it weaken or strengthen the Church?

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Even in our country, religious devotion, which is very much alive, tends to tilt toward conservatism. We saw this devotion again during Holy Week.

Why do people turn to religion? There are so many things that science still cannot explain, so many human afflictions that continue to stump scientists, and so much phenomena that we can only describe as otherworldly.

We haven't even unlocked the mysteries of sleep. As Billie Eilish put it, when we go to sleep, where do we go?

So what's wrong with believing in souls, in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in resurrection and redemption? Religious faith can be good for mental health.

Having been educated in a Catholic parochial school run by a religious order, I found

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



my grade school Catechism lessons comforting. For a child terrified by ghosts and malevolent critters lurking in the dark, I found comfort in the idea that there were always benevolent spirits watching over me.

Even if the Holy Trinity and Mother Mary were busy watching over millions of other people and trillions of God's other creations, we were taught that we had individual guardian angels hovering over each of us, keeping us company. And that if we clasped our hands in prayer and looked up to the sky, we could have a direct line to a God who loves us.

What comfort those concepts gave my young mind. I loved the rituals of the faith, the weekly bonding with my family for Sunday mass, and especially the activities celebrating Christmas and the Christian feasts.

The idea that good always triumphs over evil also helps shape children's early behavior. This, of course, goes through layers of nuancing on the road to adulthood, as the interpretation of certain aspects of good and evil become subjective.

By the time I began working after graduation from the secular, radicalized University of the Philippines, I had developed ideas that went against teachings of the Church on many basic issues of the faith related to life in the modern world.

The love, it seemed, had gone from my Church, replaced by unbending dogmatism that would later be compounded by scandals involving clergy sexual abuse, corruption and financial mismanagement. In this Church, most of us were sinners destined for eternal damnation.

I saw no redemption until Pope Francis came along. Seeing the reactions to his passing, I know I'm not alone in feeling his effect on the sheep that strayed far away from the Church.

With Pope Francis joining his Creator, will the sheep wander away again? This will depend on the path the Church takes in the coming weeks.

Improved roads to boost travel, economies in north central Iloilo

ILOILO CITY (PIA)—The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Iloilo 2nd District Engineering Office has completed six road improvement projects enhancing safety, traffic efficiency, and local economies in north central Iloilo.

“These road improvements demonstrate our commitment to providing safer, more efficient travel for motorists and fostering economic growth in our communities,” said DPWH-Western Visayas Director Sanny Boy O. Oropel as he highlighted the transformative potential of these projects and how they will open new opportunities for residents.

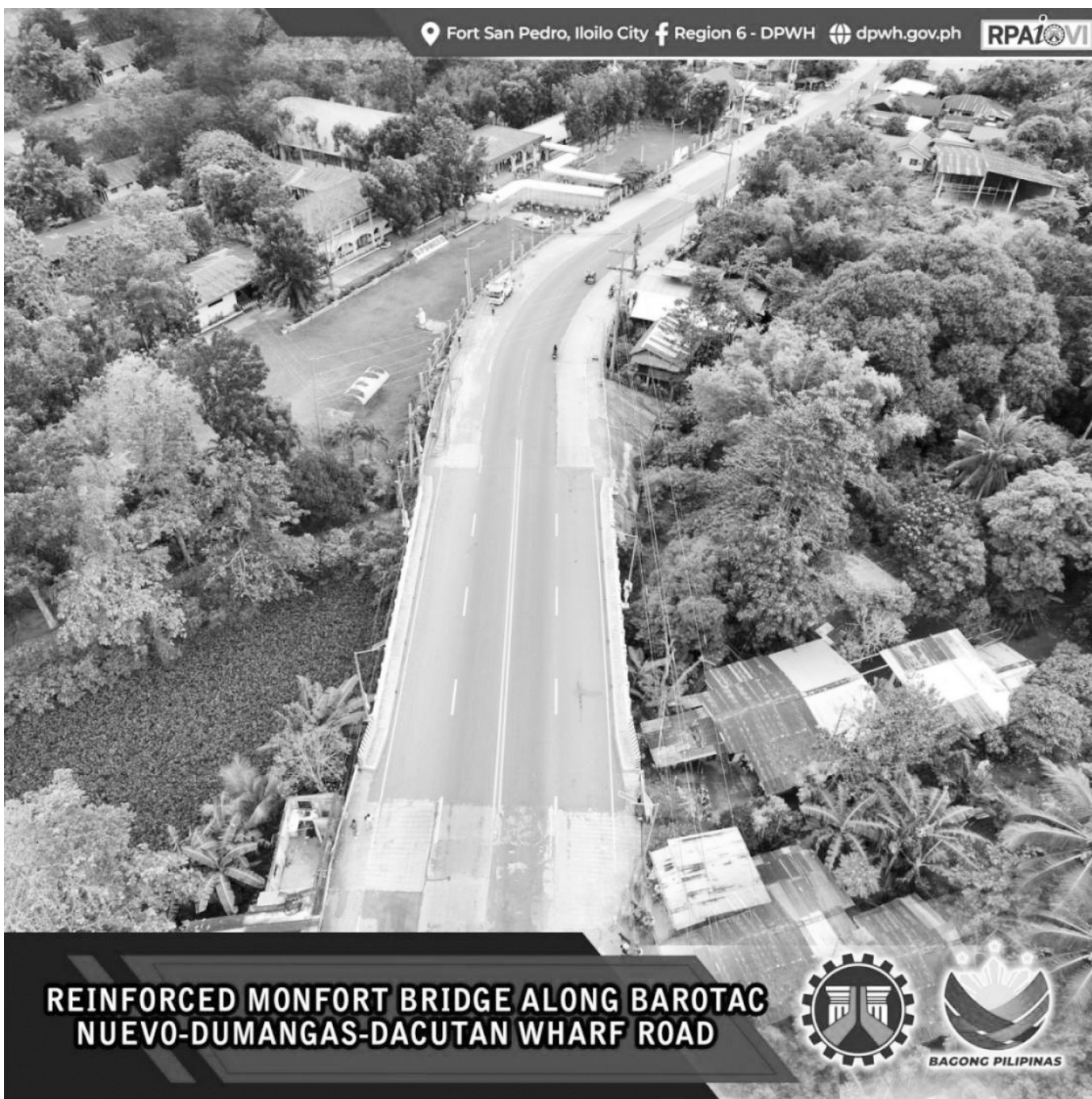
The P22.5-million project along the Barotac Nuevo-Dumangas-Dacutan Wharf Road involved the widening of a 1.8-kilometer stretch, expanding each lane to 3.65 meters. The project also includes the installation of solar-powered LED lighting and reflectorized pavement markings to improve visibility and reduce accidents, ensuring safer travel at night.

The Banga Bante-Banga Polot-an-Barotac Nuevo Road widening project, amounting to P9.2 million, involved a 0.86-lane-kilometer stretch. The roadway was expanded to 3.35 meters wide and 0.30 meters thick, with additional safety features such as reflectorized thermoplastic, rumble strips, and pavement markings to ensure smoother and safer driving experiences.

Meanwhile, several rural road upgrades in Dingles town, amounting to P14.7 million, focused on improving accessibility and convenience for residents. These projects included the construction of 5-meter-wide roads in Barangays Sinandigan-Bugtong, Ilajas-Agtatacay, and Nani Moroboro, complete with cross drainage and flared headwalls.

The P17.6-million concreting and slope protection project in Jalaur Proper Lateral G Service Road in the town of Pototan was also completed, delivering 1,096 lineal meters concrete road with 5 meters wide and 0.238 meters thick of slope protection.

According to DPWH-Western Visayas, this project significantly enhanced accessibility and safety for the riding public while contributing to local economic development. (AAL/LAF/PIA6-Iloilo/dpwh6)



Antique barangay info officers hold forum

SAN JOSE, Antique (PIA) — The Barangay Information Officers (BIO) Network of the municipality of Hamtic initiated a Barangay Information Forum (BIO Forum) with Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)-Antique at the Liga ng mga Barangay Session Hall in Hamtic town.

Liza Joyce Songcayawon, PhilHealth Antique Social Insurance Assistant and resource speaker during the forum, lauded this initiative as a way of empowering more people in the community through the BIO Network (BION).

Liza Joyce Songcayawon, PhilHealth Antique Social Insurance Assistant and resource speaker.

Songcayawon discussed the latest update on the programs and services of PhilHealth and encouraged the BIO of the municipality of Hamtic to disseminate the information to their respective barangay constituents.

She discussed the process of registering online and the increase in benefit packages of PhilHealth effective January 2025.

She also shared the PhilHealth Konsulta Package, which offers free check-ups and laboratory tests in the Konsulta service providers in Antique.

PhilHealth emphasized the importance of membership and

the contribution of qualified members to ensure sustainable, quality social insurance for all, thus Songcayawon urged everyone to sign up for membership with PhilHealth.

For the part of the Philippine Information Agency, Government Information Center Coordinator Pilar Mabaquiao commended the efforts of the barangay secretaries of Hamtic, who are also designated information officers, in organizing the BIO forum.

She noted that the activity is a classic example of community empowerment through grassroots and development communication.

BIO Network president Sheila May Silava and the Association of Barangay Secretaries president Ma. Linde Tayo expressed gratitude for the said forum, noting that the information they learned will be echoed to their constituents.

Municipal Civil Registrar Ramona Mabaquiao and Municipal Local Government Operations Officer Whel Frank Santias also joined the forum and discussed some concerns with the barangay secretaries.

The next BIO forum will be in June with the Pag-IBIG Fund as requested by the BIONS. (AGP/PSM/PIA Antique with reports from JYD/UA intern)



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(We have already started the ELCAC with the program that we have, the amnesty that we have, this is an opportunity for us to unite.)

Meanwhile, Assistant Division Commander for Administration Col. Erwin Rommel Lamzon of the Philippine Army's 3rd Infantry Division acknowledged that many challenges and threats are besetting local, national, and international in regard to the country.

“We will still continue using this framework that is effective and purposive. It is only in EO 70 that we have realized that there is life after surrender and amnesty. EO 70 fulfilled that,” said Lamzon.

Meanwhile, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 6 Director Juan Jovian Ingeniero noted that EO 70 integrates military and civilian efforts focused on peace and development.

“Tinitingnan po namin sa DILG, bumababa po kami, nag-imerse po kami doon sa mga barangay na na-clear na po ng ating mga military at pulisya. Dito sa RTF-ELCAC, naramdaman nila na may gobyerno. Bukas ang loob ng gobyerno na making sa kanila at karamihan sa mga programa ay naibigay natin at mga problema nila ay nasolusyunan sa pamamagitan ng SBDP Program,” stated Ingeniero.

(At the DILG, we look after areas that have already been cleared by the military and the police, and we go down to immerse ourselves in the barangays. Through the RTF-ELCAC, they were able to feel the government's existence. The government is open to hearing them out, and many programs were already provided to them, and their problems were given solutions through the SBDP Program.)

The SBDP or Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP) uplifts conflict-affected communities through strategic infrastructure projects, enhancing accessibility, education, technology, and healthcare in barangays, driving positive change and economic growth at the grassroots level. (AAL/AGP/PIA 6)



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In mourning

Editorial

Pope Francis I's death hardly came as a shock. He was, after all, 88. He had been ill. In fact, he had a prolonged stay in the hospital beginning February. His doctors said he had come close to death during that confinement.

His actual passing Monday morning was a surprise, nonetheless. The world believed he was recovering. His appearance on Easter — what would turn out to be his last — inspired many who saw that it was possible to fight a life-threatening illness and carry on with one's mission despite a serious health condition.

The Vatican said the pontiff died of a cerebral stroke that caused a coma and irreversible cardiocirculatory collapse.

More than being a surprise, Pope Francis' passing caused a void and occasioned grief among the global Catholic Church in general and among

Filipinos in particular.

His death now leaves the global Catholic Church, which is also the prime religion in the Philippines, in mourning. In many ways, Francis was a pioneer, going into areas where his predecessors dared not go. He was first to acknowledge the need for inclusivity in the Church where tradition has made some of the faithful feel judged and unaccepted. It was also under his rule that abuses by the clergy were recognized instead of hushed or covered up. He presided over the Church during the trying days of the pandemic, and of multiple wars in various fronts, inspiring Catholics to persevere in their faith despite tribulations.

Most memorable to Filipinos was the

Pope's trip here in 2015, where he went to Tacloban City and said Mass amid bad weather, comforting the people whose lives were upended by the disaster and conveying unconditional love and overwhelming compassion.

The next few days will be spent mourning the death of a true Church leader, and choosing Pope Francis' successor. As millions of Catholics grieve the death of the beloved Francis, may we also look forward to the future leader who will bring the Church closer to the people, and people closer to it. May Catholics be constantly guided by the core teaching of love of neighbor while navigating challenges of changing times. (*manilastandard.net*)

Context is key

With social media deeply embedded in our everyday lives, it has become all too common to be flooded with information from various sources —all of whom are claiming to be spewing facts and the truth.

The constant stream of information readily available in different forms —articles, videos, photos, and even graphics— from different sources has made it increasingly difficult for people to discern credible information, making more people vulnerable to misinformation and disinformation or what has become commonly known as “fake news”.

I recently tackled this persistent serious problem during a seminar hosted by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines on how to fight fake news, where I posed the question: if spotting fake news is already challenging, wouldn't finding the truth be just as difficult?

In this age where information is easily available with one click and anyone can be a publisher online, it has become increasingly important for us as consumers of information to be more discerning and critical of what we see and read on social media.

Fake news thrives after all not just because it is produced but more so because it is convincingly believed, shared, and amplified on various platforms, especially social media. It has become easy to fall into the trap of believing something just because it confirms

what we already feel or think.

But not everything on social media is accurate or even made in good faith. Nowadays, we see false claims, spliced videos, and out-of-context quotes spreading like wildfire on social media —feeding on the biases, lack of media literacy education, and lack of access to reliable sources of information of the people.

If we take all the content that we see on social media at face value, we risk building our beliefs on lies, which in turn would affect our decisions and actions. This is why many fall victim to making decisions based on half-truths, which often leads to more misinformation.

This is why it's important for us as consumers of information to always get the full picture by understanding context so we can make fully informed decisions. Context is what separates facts from distortion. It gives us the full picture so we can fight misinformation.

We should have the mindset that digital literacy is not limited to knowing how to use a smartphone or social media. To navigate today's digital age, we must all practice critical thinking, media literacy, and fact-checking.

Misinformation can now spread faster than the truth —and often, more convincingly. As consumers of information, we must realize that the first line of defense

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against fake news is within ourselves. While those spreading misinformation and disinformation should be penalized, the reality is no law can completely protect us from being misled. It is up to each one of us to be responsible consumers of information.

Do we add to the problem by clicking before thinking or do we help fight fake news by thinking before clicking?

Let's be smarter about what we read and share. Let's demand and understand context. Check sources if these are reliable and investigate the evidence behind the claims. Use fact-checking tools to see if the information is true.

Every time we decide to share a post, comment on an article, forward a message, we are making a choice between informing others or misleading others.

We must always remember that our actions on social media can influence others and shape perception.

In this age of rabid fake news, let's look out for one another by becoming responsible consumers of information and fighting misinformation with facts and the proper context.

That toga incident

Last week, the video of a school head ordering her students to remove their togas during their graduation ceremony became viral and immediately put her in the hot seat. As can be seen from the aforesaid video, the school head abruptly stopped the ceremony and directed all the students present to remove their togas, claiming that it violated a Department of Education (DepEd) order. The school head then threatened to call the police and challenged everyone to try and disobey her. The video then showed the adverse reactions of the students with some of them crying and one of them even cursing the said school head. A teacher was shown trying to argue in favor of the students but was escorted off the stage.

This incident sparked some online debate with a clear majority of the netizens condemning the actions and even the attitude of the said school head and a small number siding with the school head citing the need to respect authority in all instances. A teacher's

association criticized the allegedly heavy-handed actions of the school head and her seemingly authoritarian way of handling the toga issue.

Maintaining discipline and order in schools is, of course, an admirable goal for school administrators. There is also nothing wrong in being strict but this must be balanced with fairness, logic and a dose of empathy. The DepEd itself clarified that togas are not disallowed and can be optional. The admonition only that simplicity and the financial situation of students must be considered. As such, the school head was incorrect in stating that togas are not allowed by a DepEd memorandum. Insofar as simplicity and frugality is concerned, it must be noted that gowns and formal wear are now more expensive and sometimes more extravagant. Renting togas can actually be cheaper. Also, one can wear an older dress and just simply put the toga over the said preloved outfit.

There is a Japanese concept applied in some school administration which seems to improve the educational atmosphere without compromising discipline. "Nemawashi" is a Japanese management

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

concept which promote consensus building through discussions with stakeholders before making decisions. It must be noted that in the said "toga" incident, the parent teacher association allegedly agreed to have the students wear togas during the graduation ceremony and many students wanted to experience wearing togas during their graduation. Would it have hurt the school head to listen to the consensus or at the very least discuss the matter with the stakeholders? A lot of people are puzzled, disappointed or even angry at the uncompromising stand of the said school head.

My own oblique view on the matter is that if you are going to make a stand based on a memorandum then at the very least read and understand the memo!

Battling disinformation in the age of social media

The topic of free speech regulations in the Philippines has been a hot issue recently, with the three committees (Tricom) of the House of Representatives conducting a series of hearings. The Congress hearings were looking into the regulation of online content creation to curb the spread of disinformation and misinformation on social media. However, concerns have been raised about the constitutionality of such measures, as free speech and expression are rights guaranteed under the 1987 Constitution.

The weaponization of social media to mislead Filipinos alarms me. Once hailed as a powerful tool for democratizing information and empowering citizens, social media has increasingly taken on a double-edged role in the Philippines. The systematic spread of disinformation has been made possible by the rise of coordinated networks of fake accounts, troll farms, and algorithm-driven echo chambers. This is not merely about harmless misinformation — it is a deliberate effort to distort facts, manipulate public opinion, and sow division. Politically motivated interest groups, both domestic and foreign, have exploited the vulnerabilities of the online landscape to rewrite narratives, discredit legitimate voices, and even influence election outcomes. The erosion of truth on these platforms poses a serious threat to democracy, public trust, and civic engagement.

With 90.8 million active user identities on social media — nearly the entire population — the Philippines stands as one of the most deeply connected nations in the digital world. However, this vast digital engagement also exposes a large portion of the population to disinformation campaigns. These campaigns often originate from well-funded, politically aligned entities seeking to shape public perception for their ends. Many users lack the digital literacy skills needed to critically assess the information they encounter online, making them straightforward targets for manipulation. The rapid and viral nature of social media further amplifies these falsehoods, allowing misleading narratives to spread far faster than fact-based corrections can keep up. As a result, the country faces a growing challenge in safeguarding the integrity of public discourse and ensuring that citizens make informed decisions based on truth rather than propaganda.

The recent Tricom hearings have shed light on a troubling trend: the role of certain social media vloggers in spreading misinformation and engaging in black propaganda. Beyond the deliberate distortion of facts, what is equally disturbing is the manner in which these individuals conduct themselves online. Many exhibit a blatant lack of courtesy and respect, often resorting to personal attacks, name-calling, and inflammatory language. Such behavior undermines the credibility of public discourse and sets a poor example for the millions of Filipinos — especially the youth — who consume their content.

Social media personalities hold significant influence in today's digital age, and with that influence comes the responsibility to uphold ethical standards and promote respectful dialogue. Unfortunately, some vloggers have weaponized their platforms to do the opposite.

Another glaring concern is the frequent use of vulgar language and expletives in these vlogs. Instead of engaging in rational discussion or constructive criticism, some vloggers resort to shouting profanities and using crude, offensive language to provoke or humiliate others. This kind of content pollutes the online space and reflects poorly on the values we hope to uphold as a society. The normalization of such behavior can desensitize viewers to verbal aggression, potentially encouraging a culture of intolerance and disrespect.

Filipino culture is deeply rooted in values of respect, decency, and civility — qualities that are expected to be reflected in both private and public life. The aggressive and often profane behavior exhibited by some vloggers starkly contradicts these cultural norms. While freedom of expression is a right, it must be exercised responsibly and with sensitivity to the values that bind our communities together. Digital influencers must be held accountable for their content and how they interact with the public. If left unchecked, this erosion of civility online could spill over into real-world interactions, further deepening divisions and undermining social cohesion.

During one of the hearings conducted by the Tricom, two vloggers issued apologies to House lawmakers after being presented with evidence that contradicted their earlier claims.

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BY BRIAN JAMES LU

One of the vloggers had asserted that the extrajudicial killings (EJKs) linked to the Duterte administration's war on drugs were merely a "hoax."

There were also allegations that critics of former president Rodrigo Duterte were being funded by drug cartels, terrorist groups, and corrupt politicians. The proceedings thoroughly debunked these baseless accusations, amplified through social media, prompting the vloggers to retract their statements. The Tricom cited three vloggers for contempt and ordered their detention after they repeatedly evaded the inquiry.

While it remains uncertain whether the government will move to regulate social media content, there is a growing consensus that any such regulation could face significant legal challenges and may be deemed unconstitutional. This situation highlights the delicate balance that must be struck between combating disinformation and safeguarding the fundamental right to free speech. Addressing the harms caused by online falsehoods is necessary, but it must be done in a way that upholds democratic principles and respects constitutional protections.

The role of social media platforms in moderating content also raised questions. One legislator highlighted the absence of laws regulating these platforms, noting, for example, that Meta — the parent company of Facebook and Instagram — does not have a headquarters in the Philippines. It was further pointed out that there are no existing regulations that define the duties and responsibilities of social media platforms toward content creators and advertisers. This regulatory gap raises concerns about accountability, particularly in the context of disinformation and the monetization of harmful content.

The Tricom has yet to conclude its hearings, but there is hope that these proceedings will lead to concrete action in addressing the widespread proliferation of disinformation and misinformation. The unchecked spread of false narratives has created a kind of disinformation anarchy — where facts are distorted, trust in institutions is eroded, and public discourse is poisoned.

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SPL PROC. CASE NO. 25-15983

**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE
 ALLOWANCE OF THE WILL OF
 THE LATE MARIO J. SALAZAR**

**MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V.
 SALAZAR-BARRERA,**
Petitioner.

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ORDER

Before this court is a petition for Probate of the Notarial Will allegedly left by the decedent MARIO JAENA SALAZAR who died on March 7, 2021 in Jaro, Iloilo City.

Petitioner MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA, with given address at #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City was named executor and consented to act as such and accepted the trust reposed on her by the testator.

The petitioner, MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA and her sister, MA. CARMEN MILAGROS V. SALAZAR-DABAO are the appointed executrixes of the LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of the late MARIO JAENA SALAZAR;

That during the lifetime of MARIO JAENA SALAZAR, he executed his notarial LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT dated December 25, 2019 in Iloilo City.

That the said LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT is kept and in the possession of the executrix MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA;

The decedent is survived by his wife MA. ELENA VASQUEZ-SALAZAR and daughters - MA. PERPETUA SOCORRO V. SALAZAR-BARRERA and MA. CARMEN MILAGROS V. SALAZAR-DABAO, all Filipinos and legal age and residents of #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City;

The decedent is likewise survived by grandchildren SUYEN, MIKO and NINA, all surnamed SALAZAR, of legal age, by way of right of representation and who can be contacted at #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City;

Aside from the legal heirs who are all devisees, grandchildren MAYEN, OLIVER and ANTHONY, all surnamed DABAO, all of legal age, also named devisees and who can be contacted of #11 Libertad Street, Jaro, Iloilo City;

The estate mostly consists of real properties situated in Iloilo City, Iloilo as well as in Silay City, Negros Occidental. The said real properties are registered under the following titles:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-65344

"A parcel of land (Lot 1 of the consolidation-subdivision plan (LRC) Pcs-3079, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 1183 and 1258 of the cadastral survey of Jaro, LRC (GLRO) cad. Rec. no. 9959 situated in the district of Jaro, Iloilo City, Bounded on the NE., points 11-1 and 1-2-3 by Lot 590, Jaro, Cadastre; on the SE., points 3-9 by Lot 2 of the consolidation-subdivision plan; on the SW., 9-10

by Calle Libertad and on the NW., point 10-11 by Calle Sta. Isabel. Xxx Containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND FIFTEEN (1,015) SQUARE METERS, more or less**".

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2019001801

"A parcel of land (Lot 643 of the cadastral survey of Jaro) with the Improvements therein, situated in the Municipality of Jaro. Bounded on NE., by Lot No. 642; on the SE., by Calle El 98; and on the SW, by Lot No. 644; xxx Containing an area of **EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX (846) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2019001799

"A parcel of land Lot 642-A of the subdivision plan BSD-1299, being a portion of Lot 642 of the Cadastral survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in the Municipality of Jaro, Province of Iloilo, Bounded on the NE., by Lot 597 and Lot 642-C of the subd. plan; on the SE., by Lot 643; on the SW., by Lot 644; on the NW., by Lot 642-B of the subdivision plan; and Lot 598. xxx Containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY SEVEN (1,267) S Q U A R E METERS, more or less.**"

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 095-2019001800

"A parcel of land (Lot 642-C of the subdivision plan BSD-1299, being a portion of Lot 642 of the Cadastral survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Cad. Rec. No. 9959), situated in the Municipality of Jaro, Province of Iloilo. Bounded on the NE, by Calle Libertad (10.00 M. Wide); the-SE., by Calle EL "98"; on the SW., by Lot 643 and Lot 642-A of the Subd. Plan; and on the NW., by Lot 597. xxx Containing an area of **ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY (1,070) SQUARE METERS, more or less.**"

The estate has also personal properties arising from the rentals of these real properties. The rentals are the primary source of sustenance of the surviving spouse.

The surviving spouse relies principally for her survival on the rentals paid by SM (Savemore) on Lots 643, 642-A and 642-C.

Petitioner prays that letters testamentary shall issue appointing her as executor of the Will.

Finding the petition sufficient in form and substance, let the merit thereof be set for hearing on **September 2, 2025 at 8:30 in the morning** at the session hall of this branch of court Chief Justice Ramon Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City. All concerned may appear to contest the allowance thereof.

Let this Order be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks prior to the scheduled hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the city and province of Iloilo, at the expense of the petitioner.

Further, let copies of notice of time and place fixed for proving the Notarial Will be addressed to the known heirs at their places of residence and to the counsel of the petitioner.

SO ORDERED.

Iloilo City, Philippines, April 2, 2025.

(SGD.) NESTLE A. GO
 Presiding Judge

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

Smishing, Quishing, Phishing, Vishing: Visayas media navigate shing-a-ling of cyber threats

ILOILO CITY (PIA) — Are you safe from the latest online scams?

Local media in Western Visayas recently learned about the growing threats of phishing, smishing, quishing and vishing during a cybersecurity briefing conducted by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

Kent Arnel Jaragbas, planning assistant at the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Antique Provincial Office, emphasized the need for comprehensive cybersecurity strategies.

"Some of the strategies for online security include avoiding public Wi-Fi for sensitive transactions, ensuring your connection is secure, not sharing personal information online, monitoring financial accounts and credit reports, implementing network segmentation and utilizing strong access controls," Jaragbas said.

The discussion included "phishing," or fraudulent attempts to steal sensitive information by impersonating trusted entities.

Jaragbas detailed various types of phishing, including:

Smishing: Using deceptive text messages to trick recipients into providing personal information or clicking malicious links.

Vishing: Using phone calls to deceive individuals into revealing sensitive data.

Spear Phishing: Targeting specific individuals or organizations with tailored scams.

Whaling: Targeting high-profile individuals within an organization.

Quishing: Using malicious QR codes to redirect victims to harmful websites or download malicious content.

"To avoid phishing attacks, you must avoid clicking on suspicious links or attachments, always verify the identity of the sender or caller and website URLs before entering sensitive information, use a URL Expander Tool (checkshorturl.com), and verify links with security tools (virustotal.com)," Jaragbas added.

He also provided tips on identifying phishing emails, which often feature urgent subject lines, unusual requests, suspicious links or attachments, and impersonal greetings. He advised recipients to double-check the sender's email address.

In the event of a cybercrime, individuals are advised to preserve evidence, report it to online platforms, notify their bank and report it to relevant entities through the Inter-Agency Response Center at 09477147105 (Smart), 09669765971 (Globe) and 09914814225 (DITO).

The briefing was hosted by the Philippine Information Agency in partnership with the DICT as part of the agency's Media and Information Literacy drive. (AAL/AGP/PIA 6)



DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JOCELYN B. BELMONTE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JOCELYN B. BELMONTE** consisting of the following parcels of land:

- 1. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81516**, Lot 2-A-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) psd-39502 being a portion of Lot A, described on plan Psd-8516 LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR (29,994) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 2. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81512**, Lot 2-L-2 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-166513, being a portion of 2-L, Psd-LRC Record No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (79,828) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 3. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2533**, Lot No. 133-B-14 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 4. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2532**, Lot No. 133-B-5 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TEN (310) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 5. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2531**, Lot No. 4387-A of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-224, being a portion of consolidated Lots Nos. 133-B-6 & 133-B-7, plan Psd-5384, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FITY FIVE (155) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 6. One-half (1/2) share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 47**, Lot No. 133-B-13 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 7. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-19063**, Lot No. 2699-C of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-302, being a portion of the consolidated Lots Nos. 1367, 2689 & 2691 of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, described in the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 10675, GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 690, with such buildings and improvements that as may exist thereon, situated in Barangays Lico-an and Tabucan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN (132,757) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 8. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81523**, Lot 2-B-4 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-173754, being a portion of 2-B, Psd-8516, G.L.R.O. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (122,180) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 9. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150596**, Lot 22, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (5,362) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 10. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150593**, Lot 5, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY-ONE (2,071) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 11. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150597**, Lot 23, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (31,984) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 12. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012860**, Lot 27-A, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (268) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**

- 13. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012861**, Lot 27-B, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED (500) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 14. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012862**, Lot 27-C, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (295) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 15. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012863**, Lot 27-D, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad., 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO (672) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 16. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012864**, Lot 27-E, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 17. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012865**, Lot 27-F, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY ONE (29,751) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 18. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82837**, Lot No. 158 situated in Ilaud, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (1,469) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 19. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82839**, Lot 146-B, located at Lanag, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY (1,340) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 20. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82838**, Lot No. 172 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY (10,760) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 21. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 82836**, Lot No. 174 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWENTY SIX (1,026) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 22. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005025**, Lot No. 1355-A-1, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (4,120) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 23. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005026**, Lot No. 1355-A-2, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE (441) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- 24. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005027**, Lot No. 1355-A-3, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THREE HUNDRED FORTY SIX (346) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** are adjudicated to the surviving heirs: **HEIRS OF THE LATE NESTOR B. BELMONTE**, namely, **CARMENCITA G. BELMONTE**, **MA. CYNTHIA BELMONTE**, **CECILIA CLOTILDE BELMONTE**, **NESTOR JAIME BELMONTE, JR.**, **CHRISTINE TERESA BELMONTE**, **MICHELLE BELMONTE**, **ROBERT LADDIE BELMONTE**, and **ROSARIO CARIDAD BELMONTE**; **HEIRS OF THE LATE EDUARDO B. BELMONTE**, namely, **DENNIS RAYMOND S. BELMONTE**, **EDUARDO S. BELMONTE, JR.**, **TANYA NATIVIDAD S. BELMONTE** and **GERONIMO MONTANO S. BELMONTE**; and **HEIRS OF THE LATE MANUEL B. BELMONTE**, namely, **NILA S. BELMONTE**, **MATTHIAS LUKE IGNATIUS S. BELMONTE**, **ROBIN S. BELMONTE**, and **LAVINIA ETHYL S. BELMONTE**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER B. HONORARIO, CPA** per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 022, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

Ilonggos urged to observe energy conservation measures

ILOILO CITY – Ilonggos are encouraged to observe conservation measures to reduce energy consumption amid a surge in electricity demand during the summer months that could result in higher bills.

More Electric and Power Corporation (MORE Power) on Wednesday urged consumers to use energy-efficient appliances and fans instead of air conditioners, adjust the thermostat of air conditioners, turn off lights and electronics when not in use, and keep windows and blinds closed during the hottest parts of the day to prevent heat from entering their homes.

“By implementing these simple energy-saving tips, consumers can help reduce their electricity bills and contribute to a more sustainable energy future,” the power firm said.

In a statement released earlier this week, MORE Power announced a significant increase in consumer bills this April.

“Electricity consumers in the Visayas are facing a significant increase in their bills this April as summer heats up, with the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) prices nearly doubling compared to previous months,” it said.

Citing the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP), MORE Power said the surge started in the first week of March.

WESM prices in Visayas increased by 95.5 percent, which continued in the succeeding months.

The surge was attributed to the planned and forced outages that reduced available electricity in the grid and increasing demand.

“The extreme heat, which started in the first week of March, led to a 5.9 percent increase in energy supply demand in Visayas, reaching 13,670 megawatts,” MORE Power said.

The residential rate for MORE Power consumers in April increased to PHP12.0344 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) from PHP 10.4177 per kWh in March, still the lowest in Western Visayas. (PNA)



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music, arts and culture and for being an iconic inspiration to generations of Filipinos.”

Ganzon, in his resolution, said Aunor’s journey from humble beginnings to becoming one of the most decorated and beloved figures in Philippine arts is a “testament to Filipino resilience, grit, and the power of genuine talent, making her timeless role model for all generations.”

Corrales, meanwhile, greatly influenced the Philippine music industry, arts, and culture since the 1960s, he said.

Aunor, a National Artist for Film and Broadcast Arts, passed away at the age of 71 on April 16 and was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on Tuesday.

Corrales, 87, known as Asia’s Queen of Songs, died on April 12.

“The city of Iloilo, as a proud hub of culture and arts, recognizes the value of honoring exemplary Filipino icons whose influence transcends the boundaries of entertainment and enters the realm of nation-building and collective memory,” the resolution said of the actresses. (PNA)

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FILE NO. 2025-02

PETITION EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,

SAN JOSE MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE.,
Mortgagee/Creditor,

-versus-

EDWARD G. GONZAGA,
Mortgagor/Debtor

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

Upon filing of **PETITION for EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE** of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as amended, filed by Mortgagee/Creditor, **SAN JOSE MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE**, a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with the business address at Trade Town Dalipe, San Jose, Antique, Philippines, AGAINST, **EDWARD G. GONZAGA**, of San Fernando, San Jose, Antique, Philippines, to secure payment of loan. which as of December 19, 2024 amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT PESOS & 85/100 (Php 782,558.85)**, Philippine Currency, in connection with **FORECLOSURE** proceedings, the **CLERK OF COURT VI, OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF** through her undersigned Deputy Sheriff will **SELL at PUBLIC AUCTION on May 5, 2025** at 10 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of Justice Calixto O. Zaldivar, Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or manager's check and in Philippine currency, the mortgaged property with all its improvements thereon, to wit;

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-26326

"A parcel of Land (Lot 2, Blk. 2, Psd-06-040074, being a portion of Lot 1528, San Jose Cad. 216) situated in the Barangay of Bagumbayan, Mun. of San Jose, Prov. of Antique, Island of Panay. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 1; of the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 1526-B; Psd-06-007710; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 3; on the NE., along lines 4-5-6-1 by Road Lot (8.00 m. wide). Beginning at a point mark "1" on the plan being N. 08-14 E., 265.44 meters from BBM No. 8, San Jose Cad. 216, thence; S. 82-42 W., 11.64 m to point 3; N. 84-43 E., 7.72 m. to point 4; S. 05-09 E., 1.00 m. to point 1: point of beginning. Containing an area of Ninety-Three (93) sq.m. more or less.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction will not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 9, 2025** at the same time and place above-mentioned without further notice.

San Jose, Antique, Philippines, April 3, 2025

ATTY. MA.B.G. CANDIDA D. RIVERO
Clerk of Court VI
OCC, RTC, San Jose, Antique

By:

(SGD.) LYNDON M. PERLAS
Sheriff IV
Deputy Sheriff
(Per AO No. 001-2025-EJ, Office of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, SJA).

WARNING:

It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Extrajudicial Foreclosure Sale on or before the date of Sale under the penalty of Law.



MEETING POPE FRANCIS. Sonia Cadornigara, regional coordinator of the Homeless People's Federation of the Philippines, Inc. for Iloilo City, shakes hand with Pope Francis during the Global Meeting of Popular Leaders at the Vatican on Oct. 27 to 29, 2014. In an interview on Wednesday (April 23, 2025), Cadornigara said she will always cherish the privilege of embracing and not just holding the hand of Pope Francis, and meeting him not just once but twice. (Photo from Sonia Cadornigara)

Pope Francis inspires Ilongga community leader to continue advocacy

ILOILO CITY – Sonia Cadornigara, regional coordinator of the Homeless People's Federation of the Philippines, Inc. (HPFI) for Iloilo City, will always cherish the rare privilege of embracing and not just holding the hand of Pope Francis, as well as meeting him not just once but twice.

Cadornigara was among the 40 chosen community leaders worldwide to meet with the Holy Father during the Global Meeting of Popular Leaders on Oct. 27 to 29, 2014, just over a year after he was elected pope in 2013.

In an interview on Wednesday, Cadornigara said Pope Francis, who was an advocate for land, housing and fair labor, reached out to community leaders after he was elected as the overall leader of the Catholic Church.

She said the Vatican communicated with her through the Slums Dwellers International (SDI) secretariat, as HPFI is affiliated with SDI, which has membership in 33 countries.

"It is related to our work. He looked for us after he was elected pope," Cadornigara shared in Hiligaynon.

She said there were two of them from the Philippines who joined the around 40 community leaders who met with Pope Francis for almost half a day on the third day of the gathering.

"You can really feel his aura the moment he entered the room. It feels like he is radiating," Cadornigara said.

After their meeting, they were asked to fall in line to shake hands with the Holy Father. Even before her turn, Cadornigara said she was already crying.

Cadornigara said she could not explain how she felt, especially when Pope Francis looked her in the eyes. She said when she told the Pope that she is from the Philippines, he acknowledged it by squeezing her hand. Despite strict protocols, she ended up hugging him.

"He gave us a rosary. It was an intimate encounter because we were only around 40," she said of their first encounter.

Cadornigara's second encounter with Pope Francis was in 2015, though this time it was a large group of about 200 delegates from various countries. She said she touched the vestment of Pope Francis when he came to shake hands with the delegates.

Cadornigara said her two encounters with Pope Francis inspired her, noting his soft spot for the oppressed.

"He told us to continue because he knew our struggles, our hardships. He affirmed to us that he knew what we felt and he will continue to pray for us to reach whatever it is that we wanted to achieve in terms of housing, land and labor," she said.

The meeting, she added, also strengthened her faith in God.

"I may forget the years and dates, but I could not forget the encounter with him. It has renewed our inspiration to serve," Cadornigara said, adding that as a community leader, she has a lot of frustrations.

Cadornigara silently cried upon knowing of the demise of Pope Francis. Like the rest of the world, she will be watching when he will be interred into his resting place.

Her picture with the pope will also occupy a space in her house. Printed on canvas the size of a 40-inch television, it will serve as a reminder for her grandchildren and grand-grandchildren that once upon a time, their grandmother held the hand of a pope and listened to his message, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. (PNA)

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Spl. Proc. No. 24-0194

IN RE: PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
OF MINOR MA. GABRIEL CORPUZ
LIBRODO TO MARIA GABRIELLE
CORPUZ LIBRODO

SPOUSES LEO BON V. LIBRODO and
REBILYN C. LIBRODO *for and in behalf of*
minor MA. GABRIEL CORPUZ LIBRODO,
Petitioners,

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR
OF LAMBUNAO, ILOILO, and
THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL,
Respondents.
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2nd AMENDED ORDER

A verified petition was filed before this Court by petitioners, thru counsel, praying that after due hearing, an order be issued changing the name of Ma. Gabriel Corpuz Librodo to Maria Gabrielle Corpuz Librodo, alleging among others, that:

- Petitioners and minor Ma. Gabriel Corpuz Librodo have been bona fide residents of Lambunao, Iloilo for at least three (3) years prior to the date of the filing of this Petition;
- Ma. Gabriel Corpuz Librodo is the daughter of the petitioners and that she was born on September 9, 2006 in Lambunao, Iloilo;
- Ma. Gabriel Corpuz Librodo has no alias name; and
- They seek to change the name of their daughter on the following grounds:
 - The way Ma. Gabriel's first name is spelled causes confusion as to her identity because although "Ma." is an accepted abbreviation of the Spanish feminine name "Maria", many of Ma. Gabriel's classmates and friends and even teachers pronounce it simply as "Ma"; and
 - Ma. Gabriel's second name "Gabriel" which is in masculine form tends to create a confusion as to her gender because she is sometimes mistaken as a male where in fact she is a female;

Petitioners aver that they seek to change the name of their daughter from Ma. Gabriel Corpuz Librodo to Maria Gabrielle Corpuz Librodo to avoid confusion as to her identity and gender.

Finding the said petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for hearing on **September 8, 2025, at 8:30 in the morning** before this Court. Notice is hereby given that any person who has objection to this petition may file his/her opposition thereto within 15 days from service or last day of publication of this Order, stating the grounds or reasons therefor.

The petitioner shall cause this Order to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, such that the last publication should be more than four (4) months before the date of hearing.

Furnish copy of this Order the Petitioners, Atty. Wilfredo S. Serilo, the Office of the Solicitor General, the Municipal Civil Registrar of Lambunao, Iloilo, the Civil Registrar General, and the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Iloilo.

SO ORDERED.

Janiuay, Iloilo, Philippines, March 17, 2025.

(SGD.) GEMALYN FAUNILLO-TAROL
Presiding Judge

NE/April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE EDUARDO B. BELMONTE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **EDUARDO B. BELMONTE** consisting of the following parcels of land:

- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81516**, Lot 2-A-1 of the subdivision plan (LRC) Psd-39502 being a portion of Lot A, described on plan Psd-8516 LRC (GLRO) Cad. Rec. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR (29,994) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2532**, Lot No. 133-B-5 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384 being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TEN (310) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2531**, Lot No. 4387-A of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-224, being a portion of Lots Nos. 133-B-6 & 133-B-7, plan Psd-5384, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE (155) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2533**, Lot No. 133-B-14 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- One-half (1/2) share in TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 47**, Lot No. 133-B-13 of the subdivision plan, Psd-5384, being a portion of Lot No. 133-B of Psd-576, of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9739, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN (216) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81512**, Lot 2-L2 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-166513, being a portion of 2-L, Psd-LRC Record No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT (79,828) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 81523**, Lot 2-B-4 of the subdivision plan (LRC), Psd-173754, being a portion of 2-B, Psd-8516, G.L.R.O. No. 23834, situated in Brgy. Badiang, Anilao, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (122,180) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-19063**, Lot No. 2699-C of the consolidation and subdivision plan, Pcs-302, being a portion of the consolidated Lots Nos. 1367, 2689 & 2691 of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo, described in the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 10675, GLRO Cad. Rec. No. 690, with such buildings and improvements that as may exist thereon, situated in Barangays Lico-an and Tabucan, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN (132,757) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150597**, Lot 23, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THIRTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR (31,984) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82837**, Lot 158 situated in Ilaud, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY NINE (1,469) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82839**, Lot 146-B located at Lanag, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY (1,340) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**

- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82838**, Lot 172 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY (10,760) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-82836**, Lot No. 174 located at Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **ONE THOUSAND TWENTY SIX (1,026) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012860**, Lot 27-A, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT (268) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012861**, Lot 27-B, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED (500) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012862**, Lot 27-C, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE (295) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012863**, Lot 27-D, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO (672) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012864**, Lot 27-E, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023012865**, Lot 27-F, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUINDRED FIFTY ONE (29,751) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005025**, Lot No. 1355-A-1, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (4,120) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005026**, Lot No. 1355-A-2, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE (441) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2023005027**, Lot No. 1355-A-3, situated at Lico-an, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **THREE HUNDRED FORTY SIX (346) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150593**, Lot 5, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **TWO THOUSAND SEVENTY ONE (2,071) SQUARE METERS, more or less;**
- TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 150596**, Lot 22, Psd-06-012703 (OLT) being a portion of Lot 157, Cad. 205, Barotac Nuevo, Cad., situated in the Poblacion and Brgy. Bungca, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with an area of **FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (5,362) SQUARE METERS, more or less**, are adjudicated to surviving heirs **DENNIS RAYMOND S. BELMONTE, EDUARDO S. BELMONTE, JR., TANYA NATIVIDAD S. BELMONTE, and GERONIMO MONTANO S. BELMONTE**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER B. HONORARIO, CPA** per Doc. No. 027, Page No. 07, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

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FORECLOSURE NO. F-11241-25

FOR: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT NO. 3135 AS AMENDED
BY ACT NO. 4118

ELIZABETH ELNAR,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES JINGKIE CAMBALO
GHERNA and GHEORGHE
GHERNA,
Mortgagor/s.

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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the *mortgagee* **ELIZABETH ELNAR**, of legal age, single, Filipino and a resident of 106 Avanceña Street, South Fundidor, Molo, Iloilo City, Philippines, against *mortgagor/s* **JINGKIE CAMBALO GHERNA** of legal age, Filipino, married and a resident of R. Canillas Street Ext. Poblacion, Leon, Iloilo, for herself and as the duly authorized representative of her husband **GHEORGHE GHERNA**, a Canadian Citizen pursuant to the Special Power of Attorney acknowledge before Ericka Ana T. Abad, Consul of the Republic of the Philippines, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 10, 2025, amounted to **ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND PESOS (P1,860,000.00)**, Philippine Currency, the principal obligation plus interests, penalty charges, publication cost, attorney’s fees, Sheriff’s legal expenses and expenses incurred in connection with the said foreclosure and auction sale, the **Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo or any of his lawful deputies** will sell at public auction on **JUNE 3, 2025** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning at Ground Floor, Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court, Chief Justice Ramon Q. Avanceña Hall of Justice, Bonifacio Drive, Iloilo City, to the **HIGHEST BIDDER**, for **CASH** or **MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency, the following real property including buildings and all improvements found thereon, to wit:

Registry of Deeds for Iloilo, Iloilo
Transfer Certificate of Title
No. 090-2018003462

“A PARCEL OF LAND, LOT NO. 466-F, PSD-06-090124, PORTION OF LOT NO. 466, LEON CADASTRE, PSC-25, LOCATED IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LEON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, ISLAND OF PANAY, CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX (286) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	SW	LOT 466-D, PSD-06-090124
2-3	NW	LOT 466-E, PSD-06-090124
3-4	NE	LOT 466-H, PSD-06-090124
4-1	SE	RIGHT OF WAY (6.00 M. WIDE) PORTION OF LOT 466-B, PSD-06-090124

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the aforementioned time and date. In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JUNE 17, 2025** at the same time and place aforementioned without further notice.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the above-described property and encumbrances existing thereon, if any there be. Let this Notice of Sale be published and posted in accordance with the provisions of law.

Iloilo City, Philippines, **March 19, 2025.**

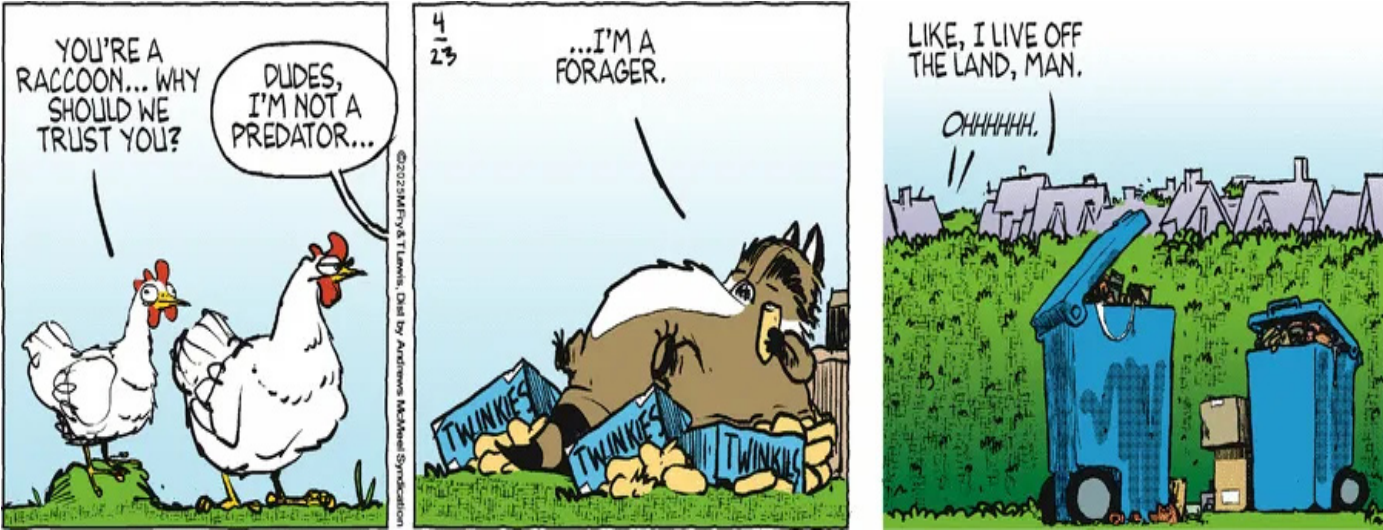
(SGD.) ATTY. GERRY D. SUMACULUB
Clerk of Court VII and
Ex-Officio Sheriff of Iloilo

(SGD.) RITO RUEL A. CASTEN
Sheriff IV/Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:
It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law.

over the HEDGE

BY T. LEWIS & MICHAEL FRAY



KARE KARE

BUNTOT NG BAKA

Filipino kare kare oxtail cooked in peanut sauce

Prep: 10 minutes minutes Cook: 1hour hour 30minutes minutes



INGREDIENTS

- ☐ 4 lbs. Ox tail
- ☐ 1 Knorr Beef Cube
- ☐ 1 cup peanut paste
- ☐ 2 teaspoons annatto powder
- ☐ 6 cups water
- ☐ 1 onion diced
- ☐ 4 cloves garlic chopped
- ☐ Ground black pepper and fish sauce to taste
- ☐ 3 tablespoons cooking oil

- Vegetable Ingredients:
- ☐ 1 Chinese eggplant sliced
 - ☐ 12 ounces banana blossoms
 - ☐ 1 bunch bok choy
 - ☐ 15 string beans cut into 2-inch pieces

INSTRUCTIONS

Boil water. Add the vegetable ingredients. Cook this for 2 minutes. Remove and soak it in a bowl with cold water for 3 minutes. Drain the water and dry the vegetables. Set it aside.

Heat cooking oil in a pot. Saute the garlic and onion.

Add the Ox tail once the onion softens. Saute it until the color turns light brown.

Pour the water that was used to cook the vegetables into the cooking pot. Cover and bring it into a simmer. Continue cooking until the ox tail tenderizes.

Add Knorr Beef Cube, peanut paste, and annatto powder. Cook for 10 minutes.

Season with fish sauce and ground black pepper.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Top with blanched vegetables. Serve with shrimp paste (bagoong alamang).

Share and enjoy!

HOROSCOPE

ARIES

March 21 - April 19

A business enterprise with a friend might seem a little shaky today, Aries. You could alternate between enthusiasm and gloom regarding this project. It's probably a good one and could lead to the success you want. Don't make any negative judgments about its future based on what happens today. All should be progressing again within a few days. Hang in there!

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

A business deal that you may have been working to finish could require you to tie up a lot of loose ends today, Taurus. You might be pulled in a lot of different directions. Don't panic! Get some help if you can. Make a list of what you have to do and cross each task off as it's completed. Stay focused and all should go well. You will achieve the results you want.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Accomplishing some important business might require touching base with many people who live and work far away, perhaps in other countries. This might require that you spend a lot of time on the phone, and it also would require allowing for the different time zones, which could be a drag. You will eventually make the contacts you need, even if they don't come until tomorrow.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

If you've been thinking about investing, Cancer, this isn't the day to commit to anything. This is a great day to consider your options, study economic trends, and analyze what you want from investing. It isn't a good day to hand over the money. Land could be a strong possibility. Consult with professionals, read the papers, and look into all kinds of opportunities before committing to one.

LEO

July 23 - August 22

Working at home could be difficult today, especially if you're finalizing a business deal, Leo. Other household members will be coming and going, slamming doors, asking questions, bringing their friends in. If you're doing household chores, forget it for now and return to it when it's quieter. If you're approaching a deadline, close the door and tell others to leave you alone for a while.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Today you might feel the urge to get all unfinished work done, Virgo. You could suddenly be in a frenzy to work quickly but perhaps not as conscientiously as you should. You may spend a lot of time going through paperwork and discarding what's outdated. It might be a better idea to slow down a little and look closely at what you're doing. You won't want to throw out something you may need later.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

A sudden burst of inspiration for a creative project might keep you busy in the morning and afternoon, Libra. You will need information and materials you don't have at home, and finding them might require a larger expenditure of time, energy, and money than you initially thought. Don't give up on the idea. It's likely to be a good one and you will definitely want to pursue it.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Too many people may be vying for your attention today, Scorpio, both at work and home. You will want to make them all happy, so you may feel a little frazzled. Your temper might also be on edge. It would be better to put off the less urgent demands than work yourself into a frenzy. Those who matter would rather have you enjoy life than tire yourself out for their sake.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Communications coming your way today may be more plentiful than useful, Sagittarius. You could receive lots of confusing phone calls. At first you will be excited by the mailbox full of letters, but then you'll find that some are junk while others are addressed to people you've never heard of. Hang in there. This tendency should pass by tomorrow!

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan.19

A friend may ask to borrow some money today, Capricorn. You may feel that he or she is asking for more than is really needed, and certainly more than you're willing to give. You might think this puts you in an awkward position. Try to talk to your friend and explain your situation. If you have to say no, just say it. A real friend will understand and look elsewhere for the money.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Some of your job responsibilities are too much for one person and they might weigh you down today, Aquarius. The pile of work seems to get steadily bigger no matter what you do. Delegate if you can. Put the least urgent tasks aside and work your way steadily the rest. Your employer may or may not expect too much of you, but you're entitled to your sanity no matter what.

PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

A sudden fascination with metaphysical or spiritual concepts could have you wanting to read as much as you can on the subject, Pisces. Your enthusiasm could lead you in a dozen different directions, which could eventually lead to mental overload. It might be a better idea to take one subject at a time than try to learn about them all at once. Stay focused!

WORD SEARCH

Ice Cream Flavors

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- COCONUT
- STRAWBERRY
- VANILLA
- FUDGE
- ROCKY ROAD
- COOKIE DOUGH
- NEOPOLITAN
- COTTON CANDY
- HOKEY POKEY
- CHOCOLATE
- MOOSE TRACKS
- GREEN TEA
- TIGER TAIL
- PECAN
- REESES
- BANANA

sudoku

Puzzles by Pappocom©

Sudoku is an addictive brain teasing puzzle that can be solved by lateral thinking alone and has been taking the world by storm.

The rules of the game are simple: You simply fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9 without repeats or omissions.

Billed as the next crossword, Sudoku's simplicity is its beauty. Although it is a number game, Sudoku requires no mathematical skills - just a keen grasp of logic and plenty of patience.

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Difficulty: moderate

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **ADELFA B. GATARIN** with business address at Balabag, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **WINALYN D. JANG** to **ADELFA B. GATARIN** and Change of Vessel Name from **MBCA “JINJU 1”** to **MBCA “EUNJU 1”**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **MA. JUNALY GARGALICANA** owner of a passenger vessel named **MBCA “ZXIAN”** with a business address at La Paz, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for a re-issuance of Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the original certificates per Affidavit of Loss dated 21 April 2025 submitted by Ma. Junaly Gargalicana. Notarized by Atty. Igmedio S. Prado Jr, a Notary Public in the City and Province of Iloilo, docketed as Doc. no. 243, Page No. 50, Book No. L, series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the publication date.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **ESNIMA E. BALO**, owner of the fishing banca named **FBca “BBJ KATARUNGAN”** with business address at Hda. San Roque, Hinigaran, Neg. Occ. has filed with **MARINA Regional Office** for the re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to the loss of the said certificates. Affidavit of Loss submitted was dated 15 April 2025, notarized by Atty. Salvador I. Sabio, a Notary Public, docketed as Doc. No. 401, Page No. 81, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from date of publication.

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **YVETTE JOY DUREMDES** with business address at Carles, Iloilo has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **MA. CRISTINA TOLENTINO** to **YVETTE JOY DUREMDES** and Change of Vessel Name from **FBCA “JOHN MARK -4”** to **FBCA “LUCKY-DARLING”**. Notarized by Atty. Alain Rose B. Sumile, a Notary Public in Estancia, Iloilo, docketed as Doc. No. 291, Page No. 60, Book No. 107 Series of 2024. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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DESIGNER, CONSULTANT, CONTRACTOR

ENGR. JOMARIE A. ARIB, Ph.D., PME, ASEAN

General Manager / Inventor



Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MROVI Building, De La Rama Street
Iloilo City Philippines 5000



MICHELLE G. MARAHAY CASE NO. MRO VI 25-024

NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant requested for Approval of Sale and Transfer of Ownership of the vessel named **MBca “FIRST FIVE”** owned by **FERNANDO G. ESPINOSA (VENDOR)** to **MICHELLE G. MARAHAY (VENDEE)**.

This application will be heard by this Authority on **06 May 2025, 10:00 AM** at Maritime Regional Office VI Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City, at which herein applicant shall present its/his/her /their evidence. Before the start of the actual hearing, a pre-hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 7 of the Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure.

At least seven (7) days prior to the date of Hearing, applicant shall publish this notice of hearing once in one daily newspaper of local circulation in the region and served by registered mail or personal delivery copies of the application and of this notice of hearing to all affected parties as appearing in the attached list.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written oppositions on or before the date of hearing, furnish a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing, with such evidence as maybe proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any person to file his opposition on time and to appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of his right to be heard and this Authority will proceed to hear and decide the application on its merits.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Honorable Sonia B. Malaluan**, this **21st day of April 2025**.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

nia/mma
Vendor: Fernando G. Espinosa
Address: Rizal, Jordan Guimaras
Vendee: Michelle G. Marahay
Address: Poblacion, Jordan, Guimaras
Office of the Solicitor General 134 Amorsolo St., Makati
FS, Manila
File

Antiqueños told to stay vigilant amid declining dengue cases

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, Antique – Antiqueños should not be complacent despite the declining dengue cases in the province.

Antique Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO) Information Officer Irene Duldoco said in an interview Wednesday they recorded 27 cases in the province for the April 13 to 19 monitoring period.

“The 27 dengue cases were monitored in the 12 municipalities of Antique,” she said.

The cases were from the municipalities of Valderrama with six; Barbaza and Laua-an with four each; Sebaste and San Jose de Buenavista with three each; Tibiao, Sibalom, Tobias Fornier, Bugasong, Hamtic, Anini-y, and Libertad with one each.

Duldoco said that the dengue cases peaked during the monitoring period from Feb.23 to March 1, with 119 cases.


The cases started to decline from March 2 to 8, with 99 cases.

“We have no more recorded deaths due to dengue as of now,” Duldoco said.


She attributed the declining trend to the clean-up activities conducted by households to get rid of mosquito-breeding places.

“People are now aware that they need to seek early treatment and cooperate during the fever surveillance by the Barangay Health Workers,” she said.

She said that the IPHO, Rural Health Units (RHUs) in the 18 municipalities, and the eight district hospitals have weekly monitoring of their logistics, such as dengue test kits and dextrose needed for early interventions on patients.



Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office VI
MRO VI Bldg., De La Rama Street
Iloilo City, Philippines 5000



RE: Application for ISSUANCE
of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC)
pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295
and its Revised - Implementing Rules
and Regulations

MERJOHN G. GALIMBA Case No. MRO VI 25-025
Applicant CPC NEW

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ORDER

This refers to the application for Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to wit:

ROUTE(S) TO BE SERVED				
ISLAND HOPPING AT LUCMAYAN, SAN ROQUE, LA PAZ, TAKLONG, PANABOLON, GUIWANON, UNISAN, CABALAGNAN ALL IN NUEVA VALENCIA, GUIMARAS AND VICE VERSA (DAYTIME NAVIGATION ONLY)				
Vessel Name	GRT	HULL	Type of Service	Passage Rate
MBca "MERJOHN"	1.62	Wood	Carriage of Tourists/ Guests	Php2,500/trip

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this ORDER in a newspaper of local circulation.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously caused the posting of this Orders in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal and ticketing offices.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on **08 May 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Maritime Regional Office VI Building, De La Rama St., Iloilo City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution /decision, upon acceptance of such FOE and declaration that the case is submitted for decision.

WITNESS, the MARINA Administrator, **Hon. Sonia B. Malaluan**, this 21st day of April 2025.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

(SGD.) JEFFREY A. BANGSA
Regional Director

Copy furnished:
Applicant La Paz, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras
Office of the Solicitor General, 134 Amorsolo St. Legaspi Vill., Makati Metro Manila
Phil.6th Coast Guard District, Bo. Obrero, Iloilo City
File

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **TRIPLE R TRAVEL AND TOURS** represented by REYNALDO P. PLEMONES with business address at Manocmanoc, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **BORACAY TRIPLE R, INC.** to **TRIPLE R TRAVEL AND TOURS** of the vessel named: **MBCA “TRIPLE R 2”**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.



Likewise, larvicide and insecticide are made available for spraying in municipalities with clustering of cases or when there are two or more cases for four weeks.

IPHO has monitored 1,188 cases, including three deaths, from Jan. 1 to April 20, higher than the 211 cases for the same period last year. (PNA)

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (**IRR on R.A. No. 10172 and R.A. 9048**). Notice is hereby served to the public that **NOREEN S. PELOBELLO** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in CHILD’S SEX from “FEMALE” to “**MALE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **NOREEN SORONGON PELOBELLO** who was born on **JULY 11, 1998** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **BERNARDITO CERRADA PELOBELLO** and **MA. FE PEÑAFIEL SORONGON**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) **MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA**
OIC-Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/April 28, 2025 & May 5, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALAN LICANTO TONOGBANUA** known as a parcel of land **Lot 18, Block 18**, PSD-06-058836, being a portion of Lot 9207-B-2-B, PSD-06-041856 (AR), covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2013001635** situated at Brgy. Sambag, Zarraga, Iloilo with an area of **NINETY (90) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **TERESITA BANIEL TONOGBANUA, MA. THERESA TONOGBANUA ANDRES, ARLAN BANIEL TONOGBANUA, and ARVIN BANIEL TONOGBANUA**. That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **MILAGROS ELACAR ALVAREZ** the above said property as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CLAUDIO M. SIGAYA, JR.** per Doc. No. 237, Page No. 48, Book No. XVI, Series of 2024.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELIZA GANANCIAL SALCEDO** known as a parcel of land **Lot 188, Pls 774** located at Nueva Valencia, Guimaras covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-17643** with an area of **Six and Forty Nine Hundredths (6.49) hectares** is adjudicated to heirs **DIONISIO G. SALCEDO, LEOPOLDO G. SALCEDO, TERESITA G. SALCEDO and CAYETANO G. SALCEDO, JR.** That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **Spouses ABRAHAM CAPERO, JR. and ANELIE G. CAPERO** a portion of the above said property known as **Lot 188-A** with an area of **Ten Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight (10,598) square meters, more or less**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 338, Page No. 48, Book No. XV, Series of 2022.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MELECIO GANANCIAL** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2475, Pls 775** located at Dolores, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-8289** with an area of **Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety (28,790) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **BERNABE GANANCIAL, CELESTINO GANANCIAL, and ORLANDO GANANCIAL**. That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, CEDE, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **Spouses ABRAHAM CAPERO, JR. and ANELIE G. CAPERO** a portion of the above said property known as **Lot 2475-B** with an area of **Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven (14,857) square meters, more or less** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. SONNETTE V. SEVILLE DAQUITA** per Doc. No. 342, Page No. 69, Book No. XV, Series of 2022.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of: Iloilo
City/Municipality: Pototan

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **BEVELYN P. SOLARIO** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “EUFEMIA” to “**BEVELYN**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **BEVELYN QUIMBA PELAGIO** who was born on **SEPTEMBER 30, 1992** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **ANTONIO P. PELAGIO** and **EUFEMIA P. QUIMBA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) **MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA**
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/ April 28, 2025 & May 5, 2025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **POLICARPIO CAUSE SURESCA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 23 Block No. 16, Plan No. PCS-06-004833** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-202412349** located at Brgy. Pandac, Pavia, Iloilo with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to compulsory heirs **FELISA ARSENAL SURESCA, HERES JUN ARSENAL SURESCA, CHRISTINE SURESCA PEÑAFLOIDA and PAUL ARSENAL SURESCA**. That, the heirs do hereby **SELL, TRANSFER** and **CONVEY** unto **MILAGROS J. JARDELEZA and JOSELLIE A. JARDELEZA** the above said property as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. THERESA MALONES-SANCHEZ** per Doc. No. 125, Page No. 26, Book No. I, Series of 2025.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETLLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **VICTORIA VILLAPRUDENTE TAY and CHONG PIN TAY** known as the following parcels of land: a) **Lot 20-B-3-A** situated in Mission Extension, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **200 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-32228**; b) **Lot 3852-C** situated in Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **380 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-58760**; c) **Lot 3856** situated in Lanit, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **11,661 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-50985**; d) **Lot 2417-F** situated at Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **300 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-37423**; e) **Lot 2417-G** situated at Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **433 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-37424**; and f) **Lot 2417-K** situated at Balabago, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **8,194 square meters, more or less** and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-162194** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **PETER C. TAY and NANCY V. FISCHER, all American citizens and residents of the United States of America**. This **Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate** was notarized in **New York, USA** on **October 16, 2023** under **Notary Public DAVID LEVER** as certified by **MILTON ADAIR TINGLING, County Clerk of the County of New York**.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

GV & A PAWNSHOP, INC.
JM Basa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **MAY 3, 2025** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 AM for all unredeemed Jewelries & Articles the condition of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **MAYO 3, 2025** pagahiwaton ang baligyaanay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

ILOILO METRO PAWNSHOP, INC.

Simon Ledesma, St. Jaro, Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **MAY 3, 2025**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at **9:00 A.M.** for all unredeemed jewelries & articles, the conditions of which have expired.

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Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **MAYO 3, 2025** **alas 9:00** sa aga pagahiwaton ang baligya-anay sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtanan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

AGENCIA G.B., INC.

C.K. Building Mapa St., Iloilo City

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that on **MAY 2, 2025**, an AUCTION SALE will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed jewelries and articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

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DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late spouses **LOURDES LABRADOR-BELANDRES** and **RUDY DE ASIS-BELANDRES** known as a parcel of land **Lot 9492-D-7**, Plan No. Psd-06-011905 portion of 9492-D, Psd-35375, situated in Brgy. Tularocan, Mina, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-202412717** with an area of **Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine (7,929) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **HELEN BELANDRES-SARMIENTO, DOLORES BELANDRES-BORDA, CORAZON L. BELANDRES, ROSEMARIE BELANDRES-ALFUENTE** and **RHODORA BELANDRES-JUDIT**, as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. DENNIS T. VENTILACION** per Doc. No. 146, Page No. 31, Book No. III, Series of 2025.

NE/April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION, WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ADORACION SALE** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 11173** of the Cadastral Survey of Oton, situated at Brgy. Santa Clara, Oton, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 66392** with an area of **SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO (77,882) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **RAYMUNDO GABARRA** and **MA. CLEOFAS G. TALAMERA**. That, **RAYMUNDO GABARRA** waived and renounced all his rights, participations, and interests in the said property in favor of **MA. CLEOFAS G. TALAMERA**. Further, a portion of the said property known as **Lot No. 11173-A** with an area of **Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five (12,495) square meters, more or less** was sold by the heirs to **Spouses JOSE DALIVA** and **ALMELA DALIVA**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. VICENTE B. DE ASIS** per Doc. No. 156, Page No. 33, Book No. XXIV, Series of 1998.

NE/April 14, 21 & 28, 2025

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late spouses **ROSIE T. CAMAGO** and **LUCIO S. CAMAGO** known as a parcel of land (**Lot No. 2626-D, Psd-06-044034**) being a portion of Lot 2626, Barotac Viejo Cadastre, situated at Brgy. Sto. Tomas, Barotac Viejo, Iloilo covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. CLOA T-10,512** with an area of **THIRTY THOUSAND (30,000) SQUARE METERS, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **SHARON C. MATIONG** and **STEVEN T. CAMAGO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARY MILAGROS A. HECHANOVA** per Doc. No. 481, Page No. 98, Book No. CLXXI, Series of 2022.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT/ ADJUDICATION AMONG HEIRS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RAFAEL JARDELEZA SR.** known as six parcels of land: (1.) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-56811**, Lot 17, Block 10, of the Subdivision plan Psd-7739, being a portion of Lot 2399-F of plan Psd-5077, LRC Rec. No., situated in Brgy. Bito-on and Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TWELVE (312) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; (2.) **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-20030**, Lot No. 1282, Pls-775 situated in Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras with an area of **EIGHT AND TWENTY HUNDREDTHS (820) HECTARES, more or less**; (3.) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-54200**, Lot No. 655-E of the subdivision plan Psd-9369, being a portion of Lot No. 655 of Jaro Cadastre as described in the Transfer Certificate of Title No. 1444, G.L.R.O. Record No. 9950, with the improvements thereon, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED ONE (301) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; (4.) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-55640**, Lot No. 1236 of the Cadastral Survey of Iloilo, with the improvements thereon, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE (1,593) SQUARE METERS, more or less**; (5.) **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-84431**, Lot 15, Block 10, of the subdivision plan, Psd-77399, being a portion of Lot 2399-F, of plan Psd-5077, LRC Rec. No., situated in Brgy. Bito-on and Brgy. Buhang, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED TWELVE (312) SQUARE METERS, more or less**, and (6.) **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. F-20213**, Lot No. 4727, Psc-40 with an area of **ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT (119,548) SQUARE METERS, more or less** are adjudicated to heirs **MARIE ANTOINETTE JARDELEZA-ALIPIO, LOUISE JARDELEZA-CORDOVA, SONIA JARDELEZA-NUNGA** and **RAFAEL J. JARDELEZA, JR.** That, **Louise Jardeleza-Cordova** voluntarily waived her share in **Lot 1282** covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. F-20030** in favor of **Marie Antoinette Jardeleza-Alipio** and also her share in **Lot 4727**, covered by **Original Certificate of Title No. F-20213** in favor of **Marie Antoinette Jardeleza-Alipio** and **Sonia Jardeleza-Nunga**. Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. SULPICIO G. GAMOSA, JR.** per Doc. No. 481, Page No. 98, Book No. LX, Series of 2017.

NE/April 21, 28 & May 5, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION OF SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **JODEL Q. GULFO** known as a two-storey house and a parcel of land as **Lot 14, Block 7** covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-2014004167** located at **Parc Regency Residences 1, Brgy. Ungka 1, Pavia, Iloilo** is adjudicated to sole heir **ADELFA QUIDATO COROZ** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. REX C. MUZONES** per Doc. No. 173, Page No. 35, Book No. XII, Series of 2024.

NE/April 21, 28 & May 5, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FLORENCIA L. MAGBANUA** known as a parcel of land **Lot No. 9492-D-3**, Plan No. Psd-06-011905 portion of Lot 9492-D, Psd-35375 covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-202412713** situated in Brgy. Tolarucan, Mina, Iloilo with an area of **Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty (7,930) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to surviving heirs **EVELYN L. MAGBANUA, EDEN L. MAGBANUA, and MONENA PADERNAL-MAGBANUA**. That, the share of **Evelyn L. Magbanua** known as **Lot No. 9492-D-3-E, Psd-06-101769** with an area of **One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) square meters, more or less** was SOLD, CEDED, CONVEYED and TRANSFERRED by way of Absolute Sale in favor of **Brgy. Tolarucan, Mina Iloilo** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARK ALAIN SUÑE** per Doc. No. 518, Page No. 105, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

NE/April 21, 28 & May 5, 2025



DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE LADISLAO B. BELMONTE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LADISLAO B. BELMONTE** known as a parcel of land **Lot 159, CAD. 205**, Barotac Nuevo Cadastre, AP-06-006192, situated in the Poblacion, Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 090-RO2015000513 (32403)** with an area of **FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (55,165) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS** is adjudicated to the following legal heirs: **HEIRS OF THE LATE NESTOR B. BELMONTE, namely, CARMENCITA G. BELMONTE, MA. CYNTHIA BELMONTE, CECILIA CLOTILDE BELMONTE, NESTOR JAIME BELMONTE, JR., CHRISTINE TERESA BELMONTE, MICHELLE BELMONTE, ROBERT LADDIE BELMONTE, and ROSARIO CARIDAD BELMONTE; HEIRS OF THE LATE EDUARDO B. BELMONTE, namely, DENNIS RAYMOND S. BELMONTE, EDUARDO S. BELMONTE, JR., TANYA NATIVIDAD S. BELMONTE and GERONIMO MONTANO S. BELMONTE; and HEIRS OF THE LATE MANUEL B. BELMONTE, namely, NILA S. BELMONTE, MATTHIAS LUKE IGNATIUS S. BELMONTE, ROBIN S. BELMONTE, and LAVINIA ETHYL S. BELMONTE.** That, the above said parcel of land shall be distributed and divided equally per stirpes as follows: **one third (1/3) to the heirs of Eduardo B. Belmonte; one third (1/3) to the heirs of Nestor B. Belmonte; and one third (1/3) to the heirs of Manuel B. Belmonte.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. CHRISTOPHER B. HONORARIO, CPA** per Doc. No. 026, Page No. 07, Book No. VIII, Series of 2025.

NE/April 28, May 5 & 12, 2025

LTO issues show cause orders vs. erring drivers, jeepney operator

ILOILO CITY – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) 6 (Western Visayas) released on Tuesday show cause orders (SCOs) against five drivers and one jeepney operator for various violations committed during the Holy Week.

The SCOs were issued against Robert Alemanía, the driver of the jeepney that figured in a vehicular incident on Black Saturday, and the operator, Maria Fe Gayamo.

Based on LTO records, the private jeepney was overloaded with 70 passengers, with some on top of the vehicle and others standing on the stepboard.

The driver lost control of the vehicle while passing along the curbed terrain of the downhill road in Barangay Dingle in Miagao, Iloilo.

Alemanía and Gayamo were ordered to explain why the vehicle should not be placed on alarm. Additionally, Alemanía was ordered to explain why he should not be banned from obtaining a driver’s license because of the incident.

The driver, upon verification with the LTO Information Technology System, has an expired student driver’s permit issued on Aug. 29, 2014.

“It was further discovered that you were never issued a non-professional driver’s license. Thus, at the time of the incident last 09 April 2025, you were driving without a valid driver’s license,” said the show cause order signed by LTO legal officer Tanya Lynne Diestro and Director Gaudioso Geduspan II.

Four other show cause orders were issued to public utility vehicle drivers who tested positive for illegal drugs during the “Oplan Harabas” of the LTO and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency conducted in the Mohon and Ceres terminals in Iloilo City on April 15.

The urine samples subjected to confirmatory testing by PDEA also turned positive for illegal drugs.

Their failure to explain within five days of receipt of the order may result in the revocation or suspension of their professional driver’s license. (PNA)



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